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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Rajesh Ranganathan et al.	Art Unit:	1632
Serial No.:	09/559,622	Examiner:	Joseph T. Woitach
Filed:	April 27, 2000	Customer No.:	21559
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the mailing of a final Office Action and after the filing of a Notice of Appeal, and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. For the submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114,

Applicants request entry of the Supplemental Amendment filed on September 9, 2003,

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which addresses all issues raised in the final Office Action mailed on February 24, 2003. A copy of the Supplemental Amendment is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. In addition, Applicants concurrently submit Preliminary Remarks which address the issues raised in the Advisory Action mailed on November 19, 2003.

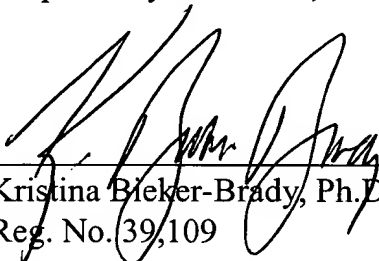
Applicants hereby assert that the present application is entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(1).

Enclosed is a check for \$385 in payment of the fee, as a small entity, required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination. Also enclosed is a petition to extend the period for submitting an Appeal Brief pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed on August 25, 2003 for five months, to and including March 25, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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